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1. The arrests that were begun on 6 May continue throughout Rumania. Officers of the State Security are active twenty-four hours a day, making arrests in all social classes. Usually it is impossible to determine the reason for individual arrests. In the village of Pantelimon, near Bucharest, for example, an elderly pharmacist, an elderly butcher and thirty other persons were taken into custody.
2. In Moldavia the arrests have continued since 6 May. Large numbers of private citizens have been seized and removed from their communities. In this section of Rumania the authorities are more circumspect in making arrests in order to avoid provoking local disorders. Families of those arrested are ordered, on pain of suffering the same fate, to avoid discussing the regime with their relatives. Citizens who accidentally witness an arrest are warned against discussing it.
3. In Arad a major in the reserve and the owner of a cafe were seized under the pretext of the delivery of a letter. In each instance an individual called to inform the head of the family that he bore a confidential letter from a friend. Upon stepping outside to receive the communication they were taken away and the families discovered their disappearance only when they failed to return.
4. It is believed that the continuing arrests are designed to terrorize the Rumanian population.
5. According to a major of the State Security, the prominent personalities arrested during the night of 5-6 May have been deported to the USSR.
6. A Rumanian official stationed at Ungheni reports that numerous train loads of Rumanian prisoners have recently entered the USSR at that frontier point.
7. [REDACTED] who recently returned to Rumania from Bessarabia, the Soviet authorities have prepared lists of Bessarabians resident in Rumania who will be compelled to return to the USSR.

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